

## Biography

EARL E. DEVANEY  
INSPECTOR GENERAL  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



Earl E. Devaney was nominated by President Clinton on July 1, 1999 to be the seventh Inspector General for the Department of the Interior. Mr. Devaney was confirmed by the full Senate on August 3, 1999. As head of the Office of Inspector General, Mr. Devaney is responsible for overseeing the administration of a nation wide, independent program of audits, evaluations, and investigations involving the Department of the Interior's programs and operations.

Since assuming his responsibilities, Mr. Devaney has transformed the Office of Inspector General into an innovative organization dedicated not only to detecting fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement within the Department of the Interior, but also to assist the Department in identifying and implementing new and better ways of conducting business. Mr. Devaney and his team of senior managers have worked diligently toward developing strong working relationships with senior departmental managers, congressional staff and key congressmen and senators. Armed with a philosophy that blends cooperation with strong oversight and enforcement, the Office of Inspector General for the Department of the Interior has made significant advances under the leadership and vision of Mr. Devaney.

Mr. Devaney began his law enforcement career in 1968 as a police officer in his native state of Massachusetts. After graduating from Franklin and Marshall College in 1970 with a degree in Government, Mr. Devaney became a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service.

At the time of his retirement from the Secret Service in 1991, Mr. Devaney was serving as the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Fraud Division and had become an internationally recognized white collar crime expert regularly sought by major media outlets. During his tenure with the Secret Service, Mr. Devaney was the recipient of five U.S. Department of Treasury Special Achievement Awards and numerous honors and awards from a wide variety of professional organizations.

Upon leaving the Secret Service, Mr. Devaney became the Director of Criminal Enforcement for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In this position, Mr. Devaney oversaw all of EPA's criminal investigators and assumed management responsibility for EPA's Forensics Service Center and the National Enforcement Training Institute. Mr. Devaney's years of managerial excellence were recognized in 1998 by the prestigious Meritorious Presidential Rank Award for outstanding government service.